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SUMMARY. SARKIS AND JUMBLATT REPORTEDLY TO FOLLOW KARAMI, GEMAYEL AND OTHERS TO CAIRO. SADAT MET SEPT. 14 WITH KARAMI AND MUSA SADR SEPARATELY AND WILL RECEIVE GEMAYEL AND SALAM SEPT. 15. GOE REPORTEDLY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ARAFAT. LOCAL DAILIES DIFFER ON MILITARY INTENTIONS OF SARG. END SUMMARY.

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1. CAIRO DAILIES EPT. 15 PREOCCUPIED WITH WHAT THEY PERCEIVE

AS INCEASINGLY CRUCIAL GOE ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON LEBANON.

PRESIDENT ELECT SARKIS TO VISIT CAIRO SEPT. 18/19 AND HE RECEIVED BY SADAT IN ISMAILIYA. JUMBLATT HAS REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL VISIT CAIRO PRIOR TO SEPT. 23 INSTALLATION OF SARKIS AND FORMER LEBANESE PRIMIN TAKI AL-DIN AL-SOLH APPARENTLY TO ARRIVE CAIRO SEPT 16 WITH MUFTI OF LEBANON SHAIKH HASAN KHALID.

2. ALL DAILIES CARRY FRONT-PAGE PICUTRES OF MEETING IN MIT ABU AL-KOM BETWEEN KARAMI AND SADAT, ALSO ATTENDED BY VP MUBAREK, PRIMIN SALIM AND DEPRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY. NO DETAILS GIVEN. PHALANGIST LEADER GEMAYEL AND FORMER PRIMIN SA'IB SALAM WILL MEET (PRESUMABLY SEPARATELY) WITH SADAT SEPT. 15. SHI'ITE IMAM MUSA SADR REPORTEDLY CONFERRED WITH SADAT SEPT. 14. "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCES" AFFIRMED THAT GOE IS IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH ARAFAT AND THAT EGYPT NOW FULLY COGNIZANT OF PLO STAND ON LEBANESE QUESTIONS. OFFICIAL SOURCES ALSO STATE THAT GOE CURRENTLY HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH NATIONALIST FORCES REPS FORMER MINISTER ABBAS KHALAF AND TAWFIG SULTAN.

3. ALL DAILIES FEATURE STATEMENT BY GEMAYEL TO PRESS AFFIRMING THAT HE "CONSIDERS EGYPT HIS SECOND HOME" AND THAT HE "LOVES EGYGT AS HE LOVES LEBANON BECAUSE EGYPT IS THE ELDER SISTER AND EXTENDS A HELPING HAND." GEMAYEL ALSO REORTEDLY STATED THAT PHALANGISTS DO NOT DIFFER WITHOTHERS OVER PALESTINIAN CAUSE OR WITH PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ITSELF.

4. DAILIES CARRY CONFLICTING REPORTS CONCERNING SYRIAN INTENTONS BUT ARTICLES GENERALLY LOW KEY AND ALMOST PUSHED OFF FRONT PAGES BY CAIRO NEGOTIATIONS. AHRAM, QUOTING PLO SOURCES, OPINES THAT SARG, UNDER PRESSURE FROM OTHER ARAB STATES, UNLIKELY TO PURSUE MILITARY SOLUTION IN LEBANON PRIOR TO SEPT. 23. PLO SOURCES EXPECT TRIPARTITE SYRIAN-PLO-LEBANESE MEETING IN SHTAURA WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS. ON OTHER HAND, AKHBAR, CITING "ISOLATIONIST LEBANESE SOURCES" (PROBABLY NLP), REFERS TO MASSING AND STRENGTHENING OF SYRIAN TROOPS ALONG MAIN DAMACUS-BEIRUT ROAD ON WESTERN SIDE O BIQAA VALLEY, AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRELUDE TO MILITARY DRIVE PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SARKIS.

5. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE SEPT. 14 BOTH FAHMY AIDE AL-BAZ AND GOE AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON MITWALLI (WHO CONSULTING IN CAIRO AND EXPECTS RETURN TO BEIRUT WITH SARKIS SEPT. 19) EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE OPTIMISM. MITWALLI VOLUNTEERED THAT DESIRE TO END CARNAGE IS NOW STRENGTHENING FAST IN LEBANON.

6. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS PLEASED BY NEW-FOUND PROMINENCE ON LEBANESE ISSUE AND CAIRO PRESS, IN IMITATION OF ITS SYRIAN COUNTERPART, VIRTUALLY IGNORING EVENTS IN DAMASCUS AND PORTRAYING CAIRO DISCUSSIONS AS ONLY GAME IN TOWN RE POSSIBLE LEBANESE SOLUTION.

7. DESPITE WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY, FROM EMBASSY VIEWPOINT, OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO CONTINUES TO HINGE ON EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN REALTIONSIP AND UNLESS DAMASCUS AND CAIRO AGREE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH LEBANON, CURRENT TALKS WERE LIKELY TO BE MORE FOR FORM THAN SUBSTANCE. IMAM SADR CLAIMS TO BE PROMOTING GOE-SARG RAPPROCHMENT AND OTHERS MAY BE DOING SAME. DOES EMBASSY DAMASCUS BELIEVE ASAD SO DETERMINED TO END FIGHTING THAT HE NOW WILLING TO PERMIT GOE TO PARTICIPANT IN SETTLEMENT? MATTHEWS

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